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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) An applicator for surface treatment tools, comprising:

a rotatable mounting bracket having a plurality of fixed angular positions and a locking mechanism for selecting a desired one of said plurality of angular positions, said rotatable mounting bracket comprising:

an outer casement,

a connector bolt pivotally received within said outer casement and projecting outwardly therefrom,

an angular locking plate fixedly attached to a projecting portion of said connector bolt, said angular locking plate having a plurality of positioning apertures formed at angularly displaced locations therein, and

a positioning pin received within said casement and biased against said locking plate, said positioning pin received within individual ones of said plurality of positioning apertures defining said plurality of fixed angular positions of said rotatable mounting bracket;

a handle attached to said rotatable mounting bracket;

and

a surface treatment tool having a treatment surface formed thereon, said surface treatment tool releasibly attached to said rotatable mounting bracket in a manner enabling a positioning of said treatment surface upon

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selection of said desired one of said plurality of angular positions.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) An applicator according to Claim 2 1, and further comprising a pivotal actuator interconnected with said positioning pin and having an actuator surface located outside of said casement providing access to an operator of said applicator.

4. (currently amended) An applicator according to Claim 2 1, wherein said surface treatment tool is attached to said rotatable mounting bracket by a threaded extension formed on said mounting bracket.

5. (currently amended) An applicator according to Claim 2 1, wherein said surface treating tool is a tool selected from the group consisting of a knockdown tool, a wire brush, a scraper, a putty knife, a paint brush or a paint shield.

6. (currently amended) An applicator according to Claim 2 1, and further comprising a handle extension selectively attachable to said handle as required by an operator of said applicator.

7. (currently amended) A tool applicator comprising:

a handle; and

a rotatable tool receiving bracket attached to said handle, said tool receiving bracket having a tool receiving surface formed on said bracket at a location providing a plurality of specific individual angular displacements relative to said handle, said rotatable tool receiving bracket further comprising:

an outer casement,

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a connector bolt pivotally received within said outer casement and projecting outwardly therefrom, and an angular locking plate rotatably received within said outer casement and fixedly attached to a projecting portion of said connector bolt, said angular locking plate defining a plurality of pre-set rotational positions relative to said outer casement.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A tool applicator according to Claim & 7, wherein said tool receiving surface is formed on said angular locking plate.

10. (currently amended) A tool applicator according to Claim & 7, and further comprising a locking pin received within said outer casement, said locking pin selectively received by said angular locking plate when said angular locking plate is positioned at one of said pre-set rotational positions relative to said outer casement, whereby said locking pin retains said locking plate as so positioned.

11. (original) A tool applicator according to Claim 10, and further comprising a pivotal actuator interlinked with said locking pin and having a portion thereof projecting outside of said outer casement, whereby actuation of said pivotal actuator enables the selective disengagement of said locking pin with said angular locking plate and the repositioning of said angular locking plate to another one of said pre-set rotational positions relative to said outer casement.